

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]**Adopted and Filed Emergency**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 234.6 and 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2425, section 32(13), the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 156, “Payments for Foster Care and Foster Parent Training,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment increases basic reimbursement rates for foster family care as directed by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2425, section 32(4). This increase maintains the rates at 65 percent of the USDA estimate of the cost to raise a child in 2007, in compliance with Iowa Code section 234.38. By reference, these amounts are also the maximum payments allowed for foster care supervised apartment living maintenance payments, adoption subsidy maintenance payments, and guardianship subsidy payments.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations, since a rate increase benefits the providers affected. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on June 11, 2008.

In compliance with Iowa Code section 17A.4(2), the Department finds that notice and public participation are unnecessary and impracticable because this amendment implements 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2425, section 32, which authorizes the Department to adopt rules without notice and public participation and requires the increases to be effective July 1, 2008.

The Department also finds, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.5(2)“b”(1), that the normal effective date of this amendment should be waived, as authorized by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2425, section 32.

This amendment is also published herein under Notice of Intended Action as **ARC 6910B** to allow for public comment.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 234.6, 234.35, and 234.38 and 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2425, section 32.

This amendment became effective July 1, 2008.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 156.6(1) as follows:

156.6(1) Basic rate. A monthly payment for care in a foster family home licensed in Iowa shall be made to the foster family based on the following schedule:

<u>Age of child</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>
0 through 5	\$15.89 <u>\$16.36</u>
6 through 11	\$16.54 <u>\$17.01</u>
12 through 15	\$18.16 <u>\$18.62</u>
16 or over	\$18.37 <u>\$18.87</u>

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